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SUBJECT: FOREIGN AID

REF: AMMAN 7275

1. ON DECEMBER 4 SENATE PASSED, BY ONE VOTE MARGIN, LEGIS-
LATION AUTHORIZING A DOLLARS 2.7 BILLION FAA. SENATE
ACTION ENHANCES PROSPECTS THAT BOTH AUTHORIZING AND APPRO-
PRIATING LEGISLATION WILL BE ENACTED BY CONGRESS BEFORE
DECEMBER 20 ADJOURNMENT ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO CERTAINTY ON
THIS SCORE.

2. SENATE AUTHORIZATION OF DOLLARS 2.7 BILLION IS DOLLARS
550 MILLION LOWER THAN ORIGINAL ADMINISTRATION REQUEST FOR
DOLLARS 3.25 BILLION FAA, WITH MOST OF REDUCTIONS COMING
IN MAP (REDUCED FROM DOLLARS 985 MILLION REQUESTED TO
DOLLARS 550 MILLION AUTHORIZED). SECURITY SUPPORTING
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ASSISTANCE PORTION OF ADMINISTRATION REQUEST WAS NOT RE-

DUCED.

3. BILL MUST NOW GO TO HOUSE WHERE WE ARE HOPEFUL OF A VOTE ON DECEMBER 11 OR 12. ANY DIFFERENCES WILL THEN HAVE TO BE RESOLVED IN CONFERENCE, THE BILL RESUBMITTED TO BOTH HOUSES, AND APPROPRIATING LEGISLATION ENACTED. AS NOTED ABOVE, WE ARE HOPEFUL BUT CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THIS PROCESS CAN BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 20.

4. THERE IS NO LINE ITEM FOR JORDAN IN FAA BUT FIGURE OF DOLLARS 243 MILLION CITED REFTEL IS, OF COURSE, NOT ACCURATE SINCE ADMINISTRATION REQUEST FOR JORDAN TOTALED DOLS 207.5 MILLION.

5. IF QUERIED BY JORDANIANS YOU MAY DRAW ON FOREGOING AND MAY SAY IT IS PREMATURE AT THIS STAGE TO DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS AND THAT WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL FINAL BILL IS PASSED. WE WILL DO OUR BEST WITH RESPECT TO JORDAN PROGRAM. FYI. OUR JUDGMENT AT THIS TIME IS THAT OUTLOOK FOR SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR JORDAN AT THE CP LEVEL IS FAVORABLE BUT THAT IF REDUCTION IN OVERALL MAP APPROPRIATION IS MAINTAINED JORDAN'S MAP ALLOCATION LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED. END FYI. KISSINGER

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